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SUBJECT: SAG ACTS TO REDUCE GAS CONSUMPTION

REF: PRETORIA 3851

1. ON NOV 11 SAG ANNOUNCED NEW REGULATIONS DESIGNED TO REDUCE CONSUMPTION OF GASOLINE. ALTHOUGH FULL DETAILS NOT (RPT NOT) AVAILABLE, MEASURES REPORTEDLY INCLUDE (A) REDUCED SPEED LIMITS, (B) CLOSING OF GAS STATIONS FROM 1800 HOURS SATURDAY TO 0600 HOURS MONDAY, (C) PROHIBITION OF MOTOR RACING AND PLEASURE AIRCRAFT FLIGHTS, AND (D) LIMIT ON PRIVATE HOLDINGS OF GAS.

2. IN ANNOUNCING PROGRAM, ECON MIN MULLER SAID " IT IS CLEAR THAT BECAUSE OF THE ACTION ON THE PART OF SOME IMPORTANT OIL-PRODUCING COUNTRIES, A SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTION IN THE SUPPLY OF OIL TO ALL IMPORTING COUNTRIES, INCLUDING SOUTH AFRICA, HAS RECENTLY OCCURRED". HE ADDED THAT ABOVE MEASURES IN LIEU OF RATIONING BUT LATTER MIGHT BE INTRODUCED ON

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FEBRUARY 1, 1974, IF PROGRAM FAILED TO ACHIEVE

NECESSARY REDUCTION IN GAS CONSUMPTION.

3. OPPOSITION UP LEADER VILLIERS DE GRAFF HAS CRITICIZED
GOVT FOR NOT (RPT NOT) GIVING DETAILS ON EXTENT TO WHICH SA
SUPPLIES HAVE BEEN CURTAILED, ESPECIALLY SINCE IRAN IS SOURCE
OF SA PETROLEUM AND IS NOT (RPT NOT) PARTY TO ARAB DECISION
TO REDUCE OIL PRODUCTION. HE ALSO CHIDED GOVT FOR
RELUCTANCE TO USE STRATEGIC RESERVES.
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